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Transmittal #7, Health Care Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE FOR THE HEALTH CARE  
BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS POLICY MANUAL**

1. Explanation of the changes and related index updates are in the following summary.
2. This transmittal memorandum should be posted in the front of your Policy Manual. The old/revised policies and subject index should be removed and the new changes inserted.

**Chapter 1, Section 1, OVERVIEW – GENERAL.**

- Under Description clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 1, Section 1.1, OVERVIEW - SPINA BIFIDA HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.**

- Amends Related References.
- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Exclusions clarifies that benefits are not payable for care unrelated to the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 1, Section 3, RECONSIDERATION/APPEAL OF CLAIMS.**

- Under Policy changes title of addressee from “Beneficiary and Provider Services” to “Customer Service Center.”

**Chapter 2, Section 1, PREAUTHORIZATION.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy Considerations clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

### **Chapter 2, Section 2, GENERAL MEDICAL BENEFITS.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications; adds clarification of what can be defined as an associated medical condition.
- Under Policy clarifies associated medical conditions that are skeletal.
- Under Exclusions clarifies that benefits are not payable for services, treatment, and supplies unrelated to the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

### **Chapter 2, Section 3, PHARMACY SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER ITEMS.**

- Under Definitions clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy Considerations clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy Considerations adds that beneficiaries are eligible to participate in Meds by Mail for their prescription maintenance medications and supporting Meds by Mail information.
- Under Exclusions adds drug maintenance programs where one addictive drug is substituted for another (such as methadone for heroin).

### **Chapter 2, Section 4, MENTAL HEALTH.**

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy adds that brief office visits for the sole purpose of monitoring or changing drug prescriptions used in the treatment of mental psychoneurotic and personality disorders require preauthorization.
- Under Policy Considerations removes certified marriage and family therapists.

### **Chapter 2, Section 5, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME).**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Policy Considerations clarifies that assistive technology benefits are payable when medically necessary and related to the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

### **Chapter 2, Section 6, ORTHOTICS.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

### **Chapter 2, Section 7, PROSTHETIC SERVICES/DEVICES.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 2, Section 8, REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 2, Section 9, HOME CARE.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 2, Section 9.1, BOWEL AND BLADDER CARE.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 2, Section 12, TRAINING FAMILY MEMBERS.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.
- Under Exclusions clarifies that benefits are not payable for general meetings, annual meetings, conferences, and other such seminars focused on the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 2, Section 13, TRAVEL.**

- Under Exclusions clarifies that benefits are not payable for travel to attend general meetings, annual meetings, conferences, and other such seminars focused on the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 3, Section 1, CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for over-the-counter medications for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

**Chapter 3, Section 2, ALLOWABLE AMOUNT.**

- Under Policy clarifies that benefits are payable for the covered medical condition or associated medical conditions or complications.

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